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SUBJ: U.S. APPROACH TO IRAN ON KOREAN QUESTION

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1. DCM CALLED ON MFA UNDERSECRETARY NADIM MORNING OF JULY 29 AND CONVEYED TO HIM SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL. NADIM SAID THAT GOI THOUGHT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL WAS SOUND BUT THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE NORTH KOREA OR CHINA WOULD BUY IT. AMONGST OTHER REASONS, NORTH KOREA HAS TAKEN POSITION THAT SOUTH KOREA DID NOT SIGN THE ARMISTICE BUT THE U.S. DID AND THE ISSUE THEREFORE IS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND NORTH KOREA. SECONDLY, NORTH KOREA HAS NO INTEREST IN ENTERING ON A NEGOTIATION WHICH WOULD LEAD TO THE PERPETRATION OF A DIVIDED KOREA. THIRD, NORTH KOREA BELIEVES THAT SENTIMENT IN THE U.N., PARTICULARLY AMONGST NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, CONTINUES TO SHIFT IN ITS DIRECTION AND THAT IT MAY EVENTUALLY CARRY THE DAY. FURTHER, NORTH KOREA BELIEVES THAT THERE WILL BE A DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION NEXT YEAR AND THAT MR. CARTER HAS A MORE HOSTILE ATTITUDE TOWARD SOUTH KOREA THAN THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION.

2. IN NADIM'S VIEW, NORTH KOREA WILL ATTEMPT SUCCESS-

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FULLY TO GET THE KOREAN QUESTION PLACED ON THE U.N.

AGENDA THIS YEAR AND THAT WHAT ENSUES WILL BE LARGELY
A REPLAY OF WHAT HAPPENED LAST YEAR. IRAN'S POSITION
WILL BE EXACTLY WHAT IT WAS LAST YEAR. IT WILL VOTE
IN FAVOR OF THE SOUTH KOREAN RESOLUTION AND IT WILL
ABSTAIN ON THE NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION.

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